

**ENGLISH CHESS FEDERATION
MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING B072, 9th June 2013**

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The 72nd Meeting of the ECF Board was held at 19.30 on Sunday 9th June by Skype.

Present:

Roger Edwards	RE	President	
Mike Gunn	MG	Non-Executive Chairman	In Chair
Chris Mattos	CM	Director of Finance	
Alex Holowczak	AH	Director of Home Chess	
David Openshaw	DO	Director of International Chess	
Phil Ehr	PE	Director of Junior Chess & Education	
David Thomas	DT	Membership & Marketing Director	
Sean Hewitt	SH	Non-Executive Director	
Jack Rudd	JR	Non-Executive Director	

In attendance:

Nigel Short	NS	FIDE Delegate
Chris Majer	CMj	Chairman of the Governance Committee
John Philpott	JAP	Company Secretary
David Eustace	DE	Minutes

Apologies:

None received.

1. Apologises for absence

Apologises were recorded as above.

2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting B071 (12th May 2013)

The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed subject to the following changes:

- i. Under Item 5 - Appointments to Vacant Director posts - include reference that the Board will consider the creation of a post of Commercial Director.
- ii. Under Item 8. - Staff Pay Revision – remove reference to SH for action and reword as responsibility of the Personnel Committee.

3. Schedule of Actions and Matters Arising from the Minutes of Previous Meeting

The attached schedule of outstanding actions from the last meeting was updated.

4. Discussion of Proposed Survey regarding Charitable Status

CM updated the Board on the proposed survey to ECF members on the Charitable Status initiative. The survey was promoted by the feedback CM had received on the proposals

where correspondents had expressed a view that they would like to see what the membership as a whole thought of the proposal. CM confirmed that the survey would be available at the same time as membership renewal in the first week of July. CM would collate the responses. CM would make any necessary changes to the survey before issue.

Action: CM

Action ref.	Responsible official	Details of action	Update
		Proposed Survey regarding Charitable Status	
72.01	CM	Make any necessary changes to the survey, issue and collate responses.	

5. Review of Regulation No. 2

After review of the directorships for the ECF it was agreed that CMj would draft terms of reference for the post of Commercial Director, and provide an update to the existing Regulation to align it with recent changes.

CMj would also review the terms of reference for the Manager of Grading to ensure it was not confused with Rating.

Action: CMj

Action ref.	Responsible official	Details of action	Update
		Review of Regulation No. 2	
72.02	CMj	Draft terms of reference for the post of Commercial Director Provide an update to the existing Regulation to align it with recent changes. Review the terms of reference for the Manager of Grading to ensure it was not confused with Rating.	

6. Clarification of the Scope of the Personnel Committee

This had been covered in the update to Item 8 of the previous minutes (71.08). It had been agreed that the Personnel Committee would review the roles, market rates and salaries of the Office staff.

7. Application for the Position of Chief Executive Officer

It was agreed that MG would advise the candidate that this would be dealt with at the next meeting.

Action: MG

Action ref.	Responsible official	Details of action	Update
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		Application for the Position of Chief Executive Officer	
72.03	MG	Advise the candidate that this would be dealt with at the next meeting.	

8. Appointment of ECF Arbiter and Manager of Arbiters

It was agreed that these would be dealt with at the next meeting.

Action: MG

Action ref.	Responsible official	Details of action	Update
		Appointment of ECF Arbiter and Manager of Arbiters	
72.04	MG	Schedule this item on the agenda for the next meeting.	

9. Liability Insurance

- i. CM advised that the current insurance policy provided cover for £5m for the British Championships for Torquay.
- ii. Care of Children/Vulnerable Adults

It was noted that the insurance policy requires that “appropriate training” should be given to officials of the ECF e.g. arbiters/coaches. It was agreed that MG would review the requirements.

Action: MG

Action ref.	Responsible official	Details of action	Update
		Insurance Liability -Care of Children/Vulnerable Adults	
72.05	MG	The insurance policy requires that “appropriate training” should be given to officials of the ECF e.g. arbiters/coaches. MG to review the requirements.	

10. Dates of Future Meetings

The next meeting is to be held on 13th July at 10.30 at Leamington Spa. Address:

Trident Centre, Trident Park, Poseidon Way, Warwick, Warwickshire CV34 6SW

11. Any Other Business

- i. Library

CM raised the issue of the lack of space at the Office for the library. NS updated the meeting on the initiative he was working on to house the collection of the ECF library with one of the Universities which had an interest in chess. He agreed to provide a progress report at the next meeting. MG would schedule the item. **Action: NS/MG**

Action ref.	Responsible official	Details of action	Update
		Library	
72.06	NS/MG	NS to provide a progress report on options with one of the Universities. MG would schedule the item for the meeting.	

ii. Junior Chess & Education

PE provided this report after the meeting for Members' information:

“World Junior U20. For safety reasons, David Openshaw and I agreed that we will not be sending players to the World Junior U20 (15-30 Sep in Antakya, Hatay Province, Turkey). Effected players: Yang-Fan Zhou, Amy Hoare, Sam Franklin, Rob Thompson, Martin Brown. Coach effected: Mark Hebden and potentially David Howell. The Foreign Office warns against travel within 10 km of the Syrian border. Antakya is 13 km from the border, an insignificant distinction. Nigel Short, David Sedgwick and David Anderton (for the JRT) are considering how to proceed.

- World Schools Individual Championships, Greece: Nearly 50 players and 12 coaches, making the largest English delegation in a representational FIDE championship. We class this as a developmental championship that produced lots of experience and a 4th place finish--Haolin Zhao in the U7 Open.

- National Schools Championship Finals will be 4-5 July in Uppingham. Two of the three sponsors will renew for next year; however, due to a reduction in volunteers, I am concerned about our ability to execute next year. Options are being considered.

- The former ECF secondary schools strategy appears to be continuing outside the Federation, with Neill Cooper coordinating after school matches and weekend rapid plays in a few regions, and the Chess Challenge in secondary schools across the country. We will support these initiatives with a view to welcoming them back into the Federation.

- The National Girls' Festival and Championships were cancelled due to low registration and ultimately flawed planning. The event will be rescheduled in the autumn term.

- Future tournaments are lined up: European Schools (Serbia, 24 players), U16 Olympiad (China, two teams). Teams are in the process of being formed for the Glorney, Gilbert, Robinson & Stokes Cups (Cardiff), the EU Youth (Czech Republic) and the World Youth (UAE). July grades and ratings will count toward the World Youth to respond to it being rescheduled from August to December.

iii. Update on the British Championships

SH updated the meeting on progress for the 2014 British Championships.

iv. MG had received a number of questions on the membership rates agreed at Council. It was

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agreed that MG and DT would place a notice on the website explaining the rules:

- FIDE Rated Rapid Play – need to be Silver Members one of the Universities which had an interest in chess. He agreed to provide a progress report at the next meeting. MG would schedule the item

- FIDE Rated Rapid Play for Juniors - follow the Junior Rules

- v. MG had received a question on when Event organisations would be billed for their fees. This would be at the time the Event was played.
- vi. A question over whether the ECF would reimburse organisations for overpayment on “fillers”. Agreed that the organisation should apply to the Office and each would be dealt with on a “case by case basis”.

Action: MG/DT

Action ref.	Responsible official	Details of action	Update
		Questions on Membership Rules	
72.07	MG/DT	MG had received a number of questions on the membership rates agreed at Council. It was agreed that MG and DT would place a notice on the website explaining the rules	

- vii. SH indicated that he would not be standing for re-election as a Non-Executive Director.

The meeting closed at 21.41.

Approved.....

Mike Gunn

Chairman

Date.....

Schedule of Future Board Meetings:

The second Sunday of each month at **19.30** by teleconference (Skype) unless agreed otherwise.

Sunday - 13th July
11th August
8th September
13th October
10th November
8th December